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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

(HOME-V BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 24th Feburary, 2026

Reward Policy of the State of Punjab for Arrest of Wanted Criminals

No.HOME-HM-50MISC/11/2026-4H5/33.-

1. Introduction:- This policy shall be called the 'Reward Policy of the State of Punjab for the Arrest of Wanted Criminals' and shall come into force with effect from the date of issuance of this notification. The objective of this policy is to provide for the grant of appropriate rewards to public persons and police personnel for their credible and actionable assistance in facilitating the arrest of wanted criminals.

2. Scope and applicability:- This policy shall apply to all units, districts, ranges and specialized wings of Punjab Police. The applicability and definitions under this policy shall be as follows:-

(I) **Public Persons** means any person who provides credible and actionable information that leads to the arrest of a wanted criminal.

(II) **Wanted criminal** means a person involved in a crime and wanted by Police, and includes absconders, proclaimed offenders, habitual offenders, and other accused persons who are deliberately evading arrest.

(III) **Reward** means a monetary incentive sanctioned for specific, credible and actionable input resulting in the identification, location and arrest of a wanted criminal. No reward shall be admissible for vague or unverified information. Rewards shall be sanctioned only by such Authority, as mentioned under this policy.

3. Quantum of Reward:- The quantum of reward shall be decided on a case-to-case basis, and cannot be claimed as a matter of right, as it is purely an ex-gratia payment. In deciding the amount of reward, due consideration shall be given to the gravity of the offence, the degree of risk and trouble taken by the informer, and the significance and quality of the information provided in facilitating the arrest. The power to sanction reward money shall be as under:-

(I) Concerned Senior Superintendent of Police: Upto Rs. 1,00,000/-;

(II) Concerned Commissioner of Police and Range IG/DIG: Upto Rs 1,50,000/-;

(III) Heads of various Wings (SDGP/ADGP): Upto Rs 2,00,000/-; and

(IV) DGP Punjab: Above Rs 2,00,000/-

4. Procedure for Sanction of Reward:- (I) The immediate supervisory Gazetted Officer effecting the arrest or operation shall submit a detailed and reasoned recommendation to the Competent Authority as mentioned above, via proper channel, certifying the nature and credibility of information received, the specific role played by the public/police person in facilitating the arrest, and the confidentiality requirements, if any.

(II) The recommending authority shall ensure that the identity of the public person is duly protected at all stages, proper documentation is maintained, and there is no duplication of rewards in respect of the same information or arrest.

5. Budgetary Allocation for Grant of Rewards:- Necessary budget provision for this purpose shall be made under the Object Head 'Rewards' to Anti Gangster Task Force, Punjab.

Sd/-

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